

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Confirmation No. 9696
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Jagannathan Shiva Shankar, et al. : Examiner: Phuoc H. Nguyen
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Serial No.: 10/651,590 : Group Art Unit No. 2143
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Filed: August 29, 2003 : :
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : :
MEASURING HEALTH AND : :
PERFORMANCE OF A MESSAGING : :
SYSTEM : :

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2))

Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the captioned application from issue.

The Office mailed a Notice of Allowance on January 23, 2008. Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement on April 1, 2008 and submitted the issue fee payment by mail on April 22, 2008. (Applicant could not submit the issue fee using EFS-Web, because USPTO systems apparently have marked the case as a Plant Patent case, and EFS-Web would only permit the applicant to select or pay a Plant Patent issue fee, which is incorrect.) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and RCE fee are concurrently submitted herewith.

The present petition is made to allow time for the Examiner to consider the RCE and the IDS of April 1, 2008. The Office may grant this petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2), which expressly authorizes withdrawal from issue to consider an RCE.

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Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that applicant has shown good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary to withdraw the application from issue as requested.

The petition fee is submitted concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION(RCE)TRANSMITTAL **(Submitted Only via EFS-Web)**

Application Number	10651590	Filing Date	2003-08-29	Docket Number (if applicable)	50325-0788	Art Unit	2143
First Named Inventor	J. S. SHANKAR			Examiner Name	NGUYEN, PHUOC		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. The Instruction Sheet for this form is located at WWW.USPTO.GOV

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

☒ Other Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), with disclosure of Office actions in related case(s), filed 1 April 2008.
Please note that on 22 April 2008 applicant filed the Issue Fee by mail. Case appears to be coded as Plant pat.

☐ Enclosed

☐ Amendment/Reply

☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

☐ Other _____

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☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months _____
 (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

☐ Other _____

FEES

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to
 Deposit Account No 501302

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

☒ Patent Practitioner Signature

☐ Applicant Signature

Signature of Registered U.S. Patent Practitioner			
Signature	/ChristopherJPalermo#42056/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2008-04-23
Name	Christopher J. Palermo	Registration Number	42056

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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